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Admiral W. S. Delany
Deputy Director
Mutual Defense Assistance Control
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Delany:

25X1A9a In response to your letter of 18 January 1957, it seemed to me that your requirement for a study of Soviet bloc shipping should properly be assigned to the Economic Defense Intelligence Committee (EDIC). Accordingly, I discussed your problem with [redacted] of my staff, who has very recently been designated as the chairman of this Committee. This morning he advised me that EDIC, in its discussion of the proposal yesterday, had agreed to undertake this project through a special working group to be composed of shipping specialists from the Navy, State, and CIA. These specialists have previously worked together on problems of this nature. Designated representatives of this group will be asked to meet with EDIC Working Group I to discuss certain questions of content, focus, and timing.

I will advise you at a later date of the arrangements which are finally agreed upon.

Sincerely,

Otto E. Gueth
Assistant Director

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